(c) if so, the salient features of the abovesaid report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) to (c) An Expert Group on "Equitable Development" for the Eleventh Five Year Plan was set up by the Planning Commission in May, 2006. The said Group did not submit its report and its term expired on 31st December, 2007.

Speed post centres

*419 SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of speed post centres functioning in the country as on date, State-wise;

(b) whether Government has any proposal to set up more such centres in the States;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and district-wise; and

(d) the time by which all the district headquarters are likely to be covered under the speed post network?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) There are 315 National Speed Post Centres and 987 State Speed Post Centres in the country, at present. The State-wise list of Speed Post Centres in the country is given in the statement (*See* below).

(b) to (d) Speed Post Centres are set up taking into account the customer needs, volume of business, economic viability, operational feasibility and availability of appropriate transport. At present there is no proposal to cover all District Headquarters in the Speed Post network.

Statement

Number of National and State Speed Post Centres, State-wise, in India:

State/UT	No. of National Speed Post Centres	No. of State Speed Post Centres	Total No. of Speed Post Centres
1	2	3	4
Andhra Pradesh	26	52	78
Arunachal Pradesh	1	12	13
Assam	8	14	22
Bihar	12	49	61
Chhattisgarh	6	30	36
Delhi	1	0	1
Goa	2	0	2
Gujarat	9	49	58
Haryana	16	2	18

1	2	3	4
Himachal Pradesh	5	17	22
Jammu & Kashmir	2	17	19
Jharkhand	5	75	80
Karnataka	25	9	34
Kerala	14	28	42
Madhya Pradesh	13	77	90
Maharashtra	11	73	84
Manipur	1	22	23
Meghalaya	2	21	23
Mizorum	1	19	20
Nagaland	2	12	14
Orissa	6	38	44
Punjab	17	13	30
Rajasthan	8	36	44
Sikkim	1	9	10
Tamil Nadu	46	107	153
Tripura	2	13	15
Uttar Pradesh	43	32	75
Uttarakhand	15	14	29
West Bengal	11	125	136
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1	17	18
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	1	1
Daman & Diu	0	2	2
Lakshadweep	0	1	1
Puducherry	1	1	2
TOTAL :	313	987	1300
Army Postal Service	02	0	2
G. TOTAL :	315	987	1302

Factors responsible for delay in projects

*420. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that nearly 50 percent of the big projects in the country are running late resulting in Government spending of Rs.45,000 crore more than the original cost;